

## ICAR-CIPHET provided three days skill development training to Scheduled Caste participants at Ludhiana, Punjab.

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ICAR–Central Institute of Post–Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana organized a three-days training program under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan scheme of Government of India on Post-harvest processing and value addition of food grains including millets and pulses from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022. The programme was aimed to strengthen Scheduled Caste poor families and nurture them to initiate activities in the field of cereals, millets and pulses processing with special emphasis on value added food products. Fifty Scheduled caste participants with over 90% women participants from villages Ghumnewal and Maniewal of Jagraon tehsil, district Ludhiana have participated in the program. Dr. Mridula D. and Dr. Swati Sethi, of ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana were the coordinators of the training program. The skill development program provided hands-on training on primary processing of food grains such as milling of cereals, millets and pulses, pasta making, bakery products from millets, extruded and popped products from coarse cereals like sorghum. The experts from PAU and ICAR-ATARI also delivered lectures during the training program on various government schemes and marketing strategies. The valedictory program was chaired by the Director, ICAR-CIPHET Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale. Dr. Kotwaliwale highlighted that the processing facilities of ICAR-CIPHET can be utilized by interested participants to initiate entrepreneurial activities; and attain experience for entering into the processing field. He also informed about One District One Programme of PMFME Scheme of GoI. He also motivated the participants to form FPO/groups and start processing in the area of grain processing. A training manual on the subject was also released and distributed to the participants for knowledge sharing.

